

# SON-116 Roadway Rehabilitation

SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
DISTRICT 4 – SON – 116  
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## Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration/ Environmental Assessment and Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation



State of California Department of Transportation

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The environmental review, consultation, and any other action required in accordance with applicable Federal laws for this project is being, or has been, carried out by Caltrans under its assumption of responsibility pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327.



## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

### *What's in this document:*

The Department of Transportation (Department) has prepared this Initial Study and Environmental Assessment (IS/EA), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed project located in Sonoma, California. The document describes why the project is being proposed, alternatives for the project, the existing environment that could be affected by the project, the potential impacts from each of the alternatives, and the proposed avoidance, minimization and/or compensation measures.

### **What you should do:**

- Please read this IS/EA. Additional copies of this document as well as the technical studies are available for review at the district office, 111 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA 94612, and the two following sites in Sonoma County:

Sebastopol Regional Library  
7140 Bodega Ave  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Rohnert Park - Cotati Regional Library  
6250 Lynne Conde Way  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

- Attend the Open House:

Sebastopol Veterans Memorial Building  
282 High Street, Sebastopol  
Date: November 27, 2007  
Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

- We welcome your comments. If you have any comments regarding the proposed project, please send your written comments to the Department by the deadline.
- Submit comments via postal mail to:

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- Submit comments via email to [valerie\\_heusinkveld@dot.ca.gov](mailto:valerie_heusinkveld@dot.ca.gov).
- Submit comments by the deadline: December 13, 2007.

### **What happens next:**

After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, the Department may: (1) give environmental approval to the proposed project, (2) undertake additional environmental studies, or (3) abandon the project. If the project is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, the Department could design and construct all or part of the project.

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# Summary

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This is a roadway rehabilitation on State Route 116 in Sonoma County from west of Alder Avenue in Cotati to east of the intersection with Cooper Road nearest the Sebastopol city limit. In addition to repaving the roadway, the project incorporates traffic signals, left- and right-turn pockets, bus stop turnouts, full-size road shoulders in most areas, and other improvements to address local mobility issues. It also incorporates measures to decrease its effect on environmental resources such as the habitat of the California Tiger Salamander. Nearby Caltrans projects include the replacement of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Bridge in Sebastopol. Other alternatives have included repaving without other roadway improvements, and improvements without measures to reduce the project environmental footprint.

No significant impacts are expected. Environmental benefits include greater mobility for bicyclists and mass-transit users. Permits and approvals will be required from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Rehabilitation of State Route 116, from 0.1 miles west of Alder Avenue in Cotati, County of Sonoma, postmile 27.8, to Cooper Road, Sebastopol, County of Sonoma, postmile 34.5.


**INITIAL STUDY with Proposed Negative Declaration/  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Submitted Pursuant to: (State) Division 13, California Public Resources Code  
(Federal) 42 USC 4332(2)(C)

US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Federal Highway Administration, and

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Department of Transportation

10/30/07  
Date of Approval

  
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California Department of Transportation



## PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

The California Department of Transportation (the Department) proposes roadway rehabilitation of State Route 116 in Sonoma County from west of Alder Avenue in Cotati to east of the intersection with Cooper Road nearest the Sebastopol city limit. In addition to repaving the roadway, the project incorporates traffic signals, left- and right-turn pockets, bus stop turnouts, full-size road shoulders in most areas, and other improvements. It also incorporates measures to decrease its effect on environmental resources such as the habitat of the California Tiger Salamander.

### Determination

“This proposed Negative Declaration (ND) is included to give notice to interested agencies and the public that it is the Department’s intent to adopt an ND or MND for this project. This does not mean that the Department’s decision regarding the project is final. This ND or MND is subject to modification based on comments received by interested agencies and the public.

The Department has prepared an Initial Study for this project, and pending public review, expects to determine from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:”

The proposed project would have no effect on air quality, land use, growth, housing, noise, public services, utilities and service systems, geological resources, or recreational resources.

In addition, the proposed project would have no significant effect on biological, cultural, agricultural, hydrological, or visual resources.

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Date



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